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In re

U.S. Application of: ~~Shinya MATSUDA, Takashi MATSUO,~~
and Masayuki UYEYAMA

For: ~~ACTUATOR AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOF~~
U.S. Serial No. ~~09/591,622~~
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified application:

(1) Sogo Denshi Shuppansha Japan, "Admission Into Ultrasonic Motor", February 20, 1991 (4 pages);

(2) Keisuke SASAE et al, "Development of a Small Actuator with Three Degrees of Rotational Freedom" (1st Report), Journal of Precision Engineering Institution, Vol. 61, No. 3, 1995 (pages 386-390);

(3) Hideaki OKU et al, "First Report of Piezoelectric Traveling Wave Type Linear Actuator", Collection of Lecture of Precision Engineering Institution, Spring, 1995 (2 pages); and

(4) S. NAGATOME et al, "Manufacture and Estimation of Thin Ultrasonic Linear Motor", Collection of Lecture of Precision Engineering Institution, Spring, 1998 (3 pages).

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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